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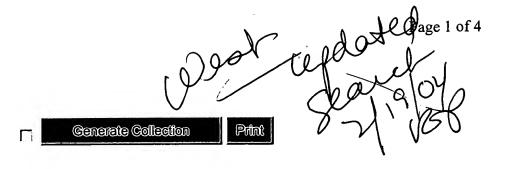
ABSTRACT:

A process is disclosed for the detection of an analyte utilizing a nucleic acid label as a reporter. The analyte is detected by the binding of at least two reporter reporter conjugates, each conjugate comprising a member of a binding pair and a nucleic acid label. The binding of the reporter conjugates to the analyte facilitates the juxtaposition of the nucleic acid labels, forming a single nucleic acid amplicon. The amplicon may then be detected directly, or may be used as a template of the generation of amplification products. Detection of the analyte by this process significantly reduces assay background caused by non-specific reporter conjugate binding.

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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

- 1. A method for the detection of a non-nucleic acid analyte comprising: (i) contacting at least one non-nucleic acid analyte having at least two reporter conjugate binding sites with at least two reporter conjugates, said reporter conjugates each comprising: a) one member of a binding pair having specificity for at least one reporter conjugate binding site on said analyte; b) a nucleic acid label; wherein said analyte binds to said reporter conjugate forming an analyte dependent reporter complex; (ii) contacting said analyte dependent reporter complex with a enzyme composition wherein the nucleic acid labels on said reporter conjugates are joined to form an analyte specific amplicon; (iii) contacting the analyte dependent amplicon with an replication composition wherein amplification products are produced; and (iv) detecting said amplification products.
- 2. A method according to claim 1 wherein said non-nucleic acid analyte at step (i) is optionally immobilized on a solid support.
- 3. A method according to claim 1 wherein said enzyme composition comprises a DNA polymerase and wherein said nucleic acid labels on said reporter conjugates are joined by an overlap at each 3' end.
- 4. A method according to claim 1 wherein said enzyme composition comprises a DNA ligase and wherein said nucleic acid labels on said reporter conjugates are enzymatically joined by means of a ligation linker comprising a replication inhibitory moiety.

- 5. A method according to claim 3 wherein said overlap comprises from about 10 bases to about 30 bases.
 - 6. A method according to claim 2 wherein said solid support is comprised of materials selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, poly(4-methylbutene), polystyrene, polymethacrylate, poly(ethylene terephthalate), nylon, poly(vinyl butyrate), glass, ceramics, metal and metal oxides.
 - 7. A method according to claim 1 wherein said one member of a binding pair is selected from the group consisting of an antigen, antibody, hapten, nucleic acid, a nucleic acid aptamer, biotin, streptavidin, avidin, folic acid, folate binding protein, protein A protein G, immunoglobulins, epoxide, malaimide and sulfhydryl reactive groups.
 - 8. A method according to claim 1 wherein the at least two reporter conjugates have different specificities for different reporter conjugate binding sites on said analyte.
 - 9. A method according to claim 1 wherein said nucleic acid labels are of different lengths.
 - 10. A method according to claim 1 wherein said nucleic acid labels are of different nucleotide sequence.
 - 11. A method according to claim 1 wherein said nucleic acid labels are from about 30 bases to about 1000 bases in length.
 - 12. A method for the detection of a non-nucleic acid analyte comprising: (i) immobilizing at least one non-nucleic acid analyte on a solid support, said analyte having at least two reporter conjugate binding sites; (ii) contacting said analyte with at least one reporter conjugate pair, said reporter conjugate pair comprising a first reporter conjugate and a second reporter conjugate, each of said first and second reporter conjugates further comprising: a) one member of a binding pair having an affinity for at least one reporter conjugate biding site on said analyte; b) a nucleic acid label; wherein said nucleic acid label of said first reporter conjugate comprises a 3' hydroxyl group and wherein said nucleic acid label of said second reporter conjugate comprises a 5' phosphoryl group and wherein said analyte binds to said reporter conjugate forming an analyte dependent reporter complex; (iii) contacting said analyte dependent reporter complex with a DNA ligase, wherein said first and second nucleic acid labels are ligated to form an analyte specific amplicon; (iv) contacting said analyte specific amplicon with a replication composition wherein said amplicon is amplified forming amplification products; and (v) detecting said amplification products.
 - 13. A method according to claim 12 wherein at step (iii) a ligation linker comprising a 3' replication inhibitory moiety is optionally added together with said DNA ligase.
 - 14. A method according to claim 13 wherein said replication inhibitory moiety is selected from the group consisting of dideoxynuleotides, a sequence of mismatched nucleotides, 3' phosphate and cordycepin.
 - 15. A method according to claim 12 wherein said solid support is comprised of materials selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, poly(4-methylbutene), polystyrene, polymethacrylate, poly(ethylene terephthalate), nylon, poly(vinyl butyrate), glass, ceramics, metal and metal oxides.

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- 16. A method according to claim 12 wherein said one member of a binding pair is selected from the group consisting of an antigen, antibody, hapten, nucleic acid, a nucleic acid aptamer, biotin, streptavidin, avidin, folic acid, folate binding protein, protein A protein G, immunoglobulins, epoxide, malaimide and sulfhydryl reactive groups.
 - 17. A method according to claim 12 wherein the at least two reporter conjugates have different specificities for different reporter conjugate binding sites on said analyte.
 - 18. A method according to claim 12 wherein said nucleic acid labels are of different lengths.
 - 19. A method according to claim 12 wherein said nucleic acid labels are of different nucleotide sequence.
 - 20. A method according to claim 12 wherein said nucleic acid labels are from about 25 bases to about 1000 bases in length.
 - 21. A method for the detection of a non-nucleic acid analyte comprising: (i) contacting at least one non-nucleic acid analyte with at least one reporter conjugate pair, said reporter conjugate pair comprising a first reporter conjugate and a second reporter conjugate, each of said first and second reported conjugates further comprising: a) one member of a binding pair having an affinity for at least one reporter conjugate biding site on said analyte; b) a nucleic acid label; wherein said nucleic acid label of said first reporter conjugate comprises a 3' hydroxyl group and wherein said nucleic acid label of said second reporter conjugate comprises a 5' phosphoryl group and wherein said analyte binds to said reporter conjugate forming an analyte dependent reporter complex; (ii) contacting said analyte dependent reporter complex with a DNA ligase; wherein said first and second nucleic acid labels are ligated to form an analyte dependent amplicon; (iii) contacting said analyte specific amplicon with a replication composition wherein said amplicon is amplified forming amplification products; and (iv) detecting said amplification products.
 - 22. A method for the detection of a non-nucleic acid analyte comprising: (i) contacting at least one non-nucleic acid analyte having at least two reporter conjugates binding sites with at least two reporter conjugates, said reporter conjugates each comprising: a) one member of a binding pair having specificity for at least one reporter conjugate binding site on said analyte; b) a nucleic acid label; wherein said analyte binds to said reporter conjugates forming an analyte dependent reporter complex; (ii) contacting said analyte dependent reporter complex with; a) an enzyme composition; and b) a nucleic acid reporting label selected from the group consisting of fluorescent moieties, chemiluminescent moieties, particles, enzymes, radioactive tags, light emitting moieties and intercalating dyes; wherein the nucleic acid labels on said reporter conjugates are joined to form an analyte specific amplicon and wherein said nucleic acid reporting label is incorporated into said amplicon; and (iii) detecting said labeled amplicon.
 - 23. A method according to claim 22 wherein said enzyme composition comprises a DNA polymerase and wherein said nucleic acid labels on said reporter conjugates are joined by an overlap at each 3' end.
 - 24. A method according to claim 22 wherein said enzyme composition comprises a DNA ligase and wherein said nucleic acid labels on said reporter conjugates are enzymatically joined by means of a ligation linker comprising a replication inhibitory moiety.

- 25. A method according to claim 22 wherein said non-nucleic acid analyte of step (i) is optionally immobilized on a solid support.
- 26. A method for the detection of a nucleic acid analyte comprising: (i) contacting at least one nucleic analyte having at least two reporter conjugates binding sites with at least two reporter conjugates, said reporter conjugates each comprising: a) one member of a binding pair having specificity for at least one reporter conjugate binding site on said analyte, the one member of a binding pair selected from the group consisting of an antigen, antibody, biotin, streptavidin, avidin, folic acid, folate binding protein, protein A protein G, immunolobulins, epoxide, malaimide and sulfhydryl reactive groups; b) a nucleic acid label; wherein said analyte binds to said reporter conjugates forming an analyte dependent reporter complex; (ii) contacting said analyte dependent reporter conjugates are joined to form an analyte specific amplicon; (iii) contacting the analyte specific amplicon with an replication composition wherein amplification products are produced; and (iv) detecting said amplification products.

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